



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

46 West 16th Street, NYC

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Family Faith

Pentecost

May 19, 2024

Eucharist

Main Church

Saturday: 12:05 pm, 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday Masses: 9:00 am (Family Mass), 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses: 7:45 am, 12:05 pm

(All Masses are Wheelchair Accessible)

Sacraments

Please call the office for information about

Baptism, Marriages & other needs.

Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify the office of parishioners who are ill or in the hospital so that they can be included in our prayers or be visited.

New Parishioners

Welcome! To register, please stop by the office and fill out a registration form or register online at www.sfxavier.org

Staff

Parish Phone Number - (212) 627-2100

Rev. Kenneth Boller, S.J. (Pastor) - 204

Rev. James Miracky, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 225

Rev. Ricardo da Silva, S.J. (Associate Pastor)

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) - 208

Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) - 207

Stephanie Fuentes (Office Manager) - 222

MaryLennox Halfacre (Dir. of Communications) - 206

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

James Martinez (Assistant for Financial Planning)

Desiree Resto (Office Assistant) - 203

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) - 202

Roseann Vidal (Dir. of Business) - 221

Receptionist - 201

Pastoral Council

Belinda Conway (Chair); Alan Ahles (Vice-Chair);
Susan Faggiani (Secretary); Christina Amendolia; Kristen
Beckles; Joel Dabu; Andrea Foley-Murphy; John Lucas;
Larry Ruth; Todd Schmidt.

PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, May 25

5:00pm Vigil: James Miracky, SJ

Sunday, May 26

9:00am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

11:30am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday: 11:30am to 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices send
e-mails to sfxbulletin@sfxavier.org

Deadline for bulletin copy—all copy should
be in the office by 4:00 pm on Monday
afternoon.

Confessions are offered Saturdays from
1:00pm-2:00pm. To make an appointment
for confession please call Parish Office.

Note: You must be a registered
parishioner for a minimum of six
months before qualifying for a sponsor
letter to be verified as a parishioner.

Xavier Mission Volunteer Opportunities

Clothing Room: Every Sunday, sorting &
distribution shifts

Soup Kitchen: Every Sunday, prep &
distribution shifts

Food Pantry: Second Saturday of every
month, distribution shifts

For Info And To Sign Up:
signup.xaviermission.org

**To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on
Instagram and Facebook at *sfxaviernyc*.**

From the Pastor's Desk **Kenneth Boller, SJ**

We are happy to welcome Bishop Edmund Whelan to Xavier as he confirms the fourteen children in our Family Faith program. Many thanks to Dr. Luz Marina Diaz, our Director of Religious Education, and our catechists who have prepared these children for the sacrament.

The Feast of Pentecost offers an opportunity for us to reflect on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The story from the Acts of the Apostles tells of the dramatic transformation of the timid band of apostles, hiding behind locked doors, who come forth praising God in many languages and testifying to Jesus as the Christ. For most of us, the experience of the Holy Spirit in our lives is more subdued and subtle. Many Catholics scarcely think about the Holy Spirit because their focus is on Jesus in the Gospel or God as Creator, Father/Mother of us all. In fact, the Spirit is at work when we finally move from introspection to outreach, from thought to action, and respond to the call at hand. What may come upon us as a spontaneous gesture of kindness or a carefully orchestrated act of reconciliation with another are all done with the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is at work when good intentions become acts of love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness.

On this feast of the Holy Spirit, say "Yes!" to the grace at hand.

Prayer Requests

Let us especially, remember those who have asked for our prayers

Jane Jacobus, Neepea Magarelli, Eve Duke, Henna Ali, Dava Weinstein, Pat Brown, Michael Patterson, Sr. Cecilia Palange, Jess Dabu, Gus Lobo, Tom N. Pantages, Eve Duke, Carmela Farace, Thomas Farace, Raul Naparan, Jesse Albino, Maggie Araullo, Jingsing Fitzgerald, Francesca Macaranes, Michael Silver, Chris Curatoo, Josephine Vales, Louis De Thomas, Cynthia Magsanoc, Lulu Byrne, Maria Celia Coscolluela, Nelida Kilayko, Giancarlo Antonio Petosa, Janet Cutrufelli, James Hurley, Rafael Colon, Jackie Biaggi.

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed parishoners and friends, especially:

Anthony Antunes, Rosalie Stillo, Press McCallum, Bill Bennett, Retha Davis, Kurt Burger, Mary Lou Brewis, Rosina Davis, Russell Williams, Pilar Pilapil, Luz & Ramon Montes, Trinidad/Marcella Araullo, Santos Jose Rosa do, Maria Aurora A Koa, Mercedes, Consuelo, Mauricia Bautista, Sarah Golda De Nenholz, Aurora Dionisio, Albuero & Elvira Legaspi, Dilia Muñoz, Sister Mary Cyril Murray, Rosa Pergola, Thomas Cutrufelli, Dennis P. Halpin, Norman C. Grosman, Adrian Keenan, Jerry Hevern, Marvin Blitz, Danny Cooper, Joan Hess.

We also remember all those who have been killed or wounded through the violence of war.

May all those who have gone before us share the joys of eternal life.

**All prayer requests are listed for at least three consecutive weeks.
Please contact the parish office for an extension.**

Welcome New Pastoral Council Members!

At a gathering on Zoom earlier this month, parishioners selected three new members to join the Xavier Pastoral Council. Let us keep them -- and all who discerned this year for the Council -- in our prayers and extend our thanks to them for heeding the call of the Holy Spirit to servant leadership! Yago, Janet and Jacob's three-year terms on the Council begin this fall.



Yago Cuesta Civís was born and spent most of his life in Spain, until a job opportunity brought him to NYC in 2011 and love made him stay for good. Happily married to his partner, Kyle, Yago has been a lawyer for 25 years. After a long time away from the Church, he found his spiritual home at Xavier in 2018 and has been involved in many ways since then, from Gay Catholics to Brunch Ministry. He is also committed to the work of Xavier Mission, having served as a mentor at the LSTEP program and helping at the Welcome Table. Yago received his Confirmation at the Easter Vigil in 2023. He is currently a mass hospitality minister, happy to welcome people into Xavier the same way he felt welcomed, and he is honored to have been called to serve on the Pastoral Council.



Janet Paist was born and raised in Oregon and moved to NYC in 1976 eventually becoming a news writer & producer at WNBC, now retired. She became a member of St. Francis Xavier in 2017 after attending an Easter vigil in Rome (“when the lights came on, God came in”) and decided to convert to Catholicism. Janet was baptized & confirmed at the SFX Easter Vigil of 2018, and has served on various ministries: Vaccine, Youth, LSAP, Inclusive Language, Liturgical. She is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Pastoral Council.



Jacob Brumfield walked into Xavier for the first time in 2018, immediately felt the palpable presence of the Holy Spirit, and knew God had led him to his new church home. You may recognize him from Mass ministry, the Brunch Ministry team, or the Xavier Outings crew—and now he is excited to serve our community on the Pastoral Council. Originally from the southern Midwest, Jacob lived and worked in Bentonville, AR and Charlotte, NC before planting roots in New York 6 years ago. He has global and regional leadership roles in Accenture's tech talent transformation practice, and lives on the Upper East Side.

This Sunday, May 19, at the 9:00 AM Mass, fourteen students from the **Family Faith Program** will be confirmed. Bishop Edmund Whalen will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. The confirmation candidates have been prepared by Catechists Ruby Krajick and Francesc Pifarre. Many of them have been part of the Family Faith Program since they were children and have also received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist at Xavier. Luz Marina Díaz, the Director of Religious Education, takes immense pride in these young Catholics she has witnessed maturing within our faith community and is hopeful for their smooth transition from the Family Faith Program to the Youth Ministry, which will be coordinated by Alex Zambito.

Confirmation Candidates and Their Chosen Saint

Leah Christina Anderson (St. Teresa of Avila)
Gabriela Rae Arango (St. Bernadette)
Peter Thomas Della Rocca (St. Sebastian)
Veronica Rose Florsheim (St. Marina)
Emma Oona Fritz (St. Odette)
Victoire Geiger (St. Joan of Arc)
James Michael Gordon (St. Anthony)
Julian Camacho Hermann (St. Peter)
Joaquin Camacho Hermann (St. Michael)
John Thomas Hallowell (St. Sebastian)
Hugh Kozlowski Markey Murphy (St. Sebastian)
Chloe Rose Moran (St. Anastasia)
Henry James Tenbroeke (St. Francis of Assisi)
Shaya Zaman (St. Lorenzo Ruiz)



TRADITION ~ *The Cabaret!*

Performances:

Saturday, June 8 | 7:30 PM | Mary Chapel
Sunday, June 9 | 2:30 PM | Mary Chapel
Sunday, June 9 | 7:00 PM | Mary Chapel
Monday, June 10 | 7:30 PM | Mary Chapel

**Tickets are \$30 and available for sale at the Front Desk of St. Francis Xavier.
Cash and Venmo payments are accepted.**

AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2024 Xavier Team

Contribute online:
<https://gmhc.aidswalkny.org/team/555742>



Healing Prayer Ministry Upcoming Dates

You are invited to come for prayer for healing for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing after the 11:30 Mass on **May 19**. Our Pray-ers look forward to praying with you.

Looking For More Pray-ers for the Healing Prayer Ministry Team

Consider if you are called to become a Pray-er. We currently serve after the 11:30 Mass on selected Sundays. Trained Pray-ers serve no more than twice a month, for about 30 minutes after Mass. Training involves some reading and Zoom discussions, then in-person observation and practice. **Please reach out to HPM@sfxavier.org or to Philip Waldrop (Coordinator) by text to 973-214-6589.**

Young Adults Contemplative Mass

Join the Young Adults every first Sunday of the Month for “the Mass that takes its time” at 5:30 PM in the Xavier High School Chapel. The next Contemplative Mass will be June 2. For all upcoming events, you can follow the Young Adults on Instagram at xavieryoungadults.

Our Legacy, Our Future, Our Pride

Friday, May 31 | 6:30 PM | Main Church
Xavier’s LGBTQ Ministries invite you to join us in celebrating our 31st anniversary on Friday, May 31! We will celebrate mass at 6:30 pm in the Main Church, followed by light refreshments and fellowship in the Mary Chapel.

We are excited to welcome you to share in the joy of our anniversary and the intergenerational connections we have created over the last 31 years.

The Women Who Stayed Sunday, June 9 | 1:00 PM West Room

Ordinary time includes the days between Eastertide and Advent. That is thirty-five weeks; 245 days. Where has the Holy Spirit been inviting you? Join this spiritual conversation among women of faith who are pursuing their truth and rightful place in the world.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, June 14 | 6:00 PM | West Room

The theme for 2024 NYC Pride March is “Reflect. Empower. Unite.” As a lesbian and a Catholic, how does this speak to you? Join this conversation, led by Paula Acuti. We also will participate in 2024 NYC Dyke March on June 29. BYOCUPS (Cups, Utensils, Plates, Serviettes/Snacks) to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org.

Explore Becoming a Spiritual Director

**Do you feel that nudge from God to do more?
Is there a greater desire to serve God and
God’s people in a different way?
Are you a good listener?**

You may want to explore what it means to be a spiritual director. Join the class of September 2024 and explore the gift of spiritual direction. All applications are due on May 31. Contact Gerry Moss at 212-627-2100 for more information.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

PENTECOST SUNDAY:

Galatians 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27;
16:12-15

MONDAY- MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM ALBERT NATHAN (D)

TUESDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM ELIZABETH HARDING (D)

WEDNESDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM GLADYS BRAGG (L)

THURSDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: Jas 5:1-6; 23; Mk 9:41-50.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM RICHARD ALEXANDRO (D)

FRIDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12.

7:45AM FR. ERIC SUNDROP, S.J. (L)
12:05PM JOHN MILLER (D)

SATURDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16.

12:05PM OWEN MAHONY (D)

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.

Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

BREAKING OPEN OF THE WORD: Join us in praying and reflecting on the Sunday Readings using a Lectio Divina model. Saturdays from 10:00am to 11:00am Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3UsoMJC>

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets monthly CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org or (929) 333-5011.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Provides support to parishioners seeking employment. Katherine Cleary, krcoff5th@netzero.com.

THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY: Promotes care for all of God's creation, and follows the message of Laudato Si. For more information refer to the link on the parish website under Outreach Programs or contact: SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com.

LAUDATO SI ACTION PLAN (LSAP): Implements the message of Laudato Si. LSAP@sfxavier.org.

FAMILY FAITH: Religious Education Program for children pre-kindergarten -12th grade. Sessions for parents/guardians are provided. Contact DRE Luz Marina Diaz, lm Diaz@sfxavier.org.

GAY CATHOLICS: Men meet in a caring and affirming environment monthly. GayCatholics@sfxavier.org.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY: We pray for spiritual, emotional, and/or physical healing. HPM@sfxavier.org.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTRY FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion to parishioners who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, or in care facilities in local proximity to Xavier. To arrange visits please contact Nick Grimaldi at Homeboundcommunion@sfxavier.org. To arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE: We offer spiritual direction, conversations, and retreats. ISEL@sfxavier.org.

RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY: Provides book clubs, supportive activities and actions related to racial justice. To learn more, sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org.

THE WOMEN WHO STAYED: We nurture, empower, call forth, and celebrate our emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth. We strive to bring the riches of the Word of God in ways that speak to everyone in the congregation. TheWomenWhoStayed@sfxavier.org.

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

THE XAVIER INTERFAITH MINISTRY: The Xavier Interfaith Ministry aims to foster respect for religious differences to promote love, harmony and understanding among peoples of different faiths. xavierinterfaith@gmail.com.

XAVIER YOGA: Meets on Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels. **Will not meet May 21st, June 4th.**

XAVIER OUTINGS: Periodic gatherings with parishioners. Xoutings@sfxavier.org

XAVIER ROSARY PRAYER MINISTRY- Rosary Prayer Ministry encourages the praying of the rosary to deepen one's devotion to and relationship with Jesus through his beloved Mother. sfxrosary@sfxavier.org.

XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, service, and social activities for parishioners 20s-30s, and the young in spirit. sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com.

XAVIER YOUTH MINISTRY: Social, service, and spiritual community for post-confirmation youth through 12th grade. Activities September-June. Contact Pablo Jimenez at youthministry@sfxavier.org.

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul schubertnyc@gmail.com